BUT HOW'D YOU MANAGE TO GET IT COVERED WITH A BANDAGE?
WAS THERE A BANDAGE LYING AROUND?
NO... JANGSOO DID IT FOR ME.
HE RIPPED UP HIS SHIRT...
AND HE CARRIED ME ON HIS BACK BECAUSE MY BODY WAS ALL ACHY.
IF JANGSOO HADN'T BEEN THERE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE.
...WOW
REALLY?

I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT YOU GUYS WEREN'T GONNA MAKE IT
WHEN YOU STILL WEREN'T HERE AFTER A DAY.
MAN, TELL ME ABOUT IT...
WE CAME SO CLOSE TO DYING.

WHAT HAPPENED??
COME ON, GIVE ME SOME DETAILS.
IT'S A FREAKING LONG STORY. WE'D PROBABLY BE HERE FOR THREE DAYS IF I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING.

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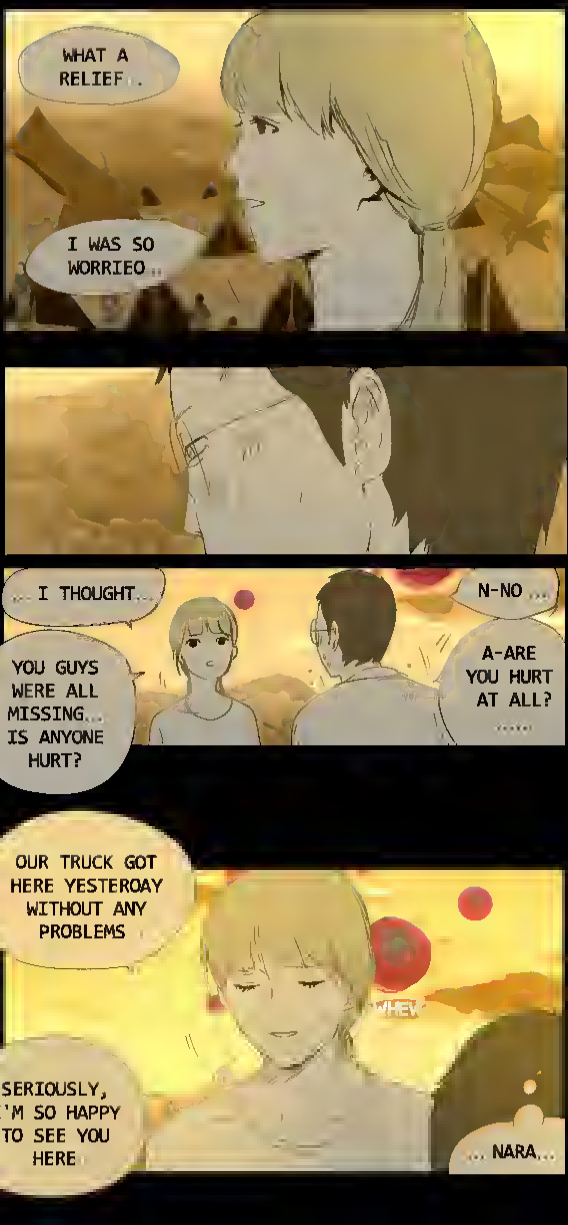
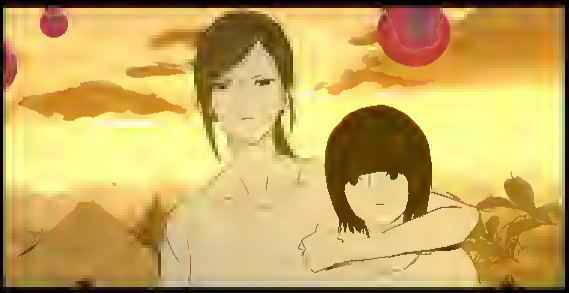
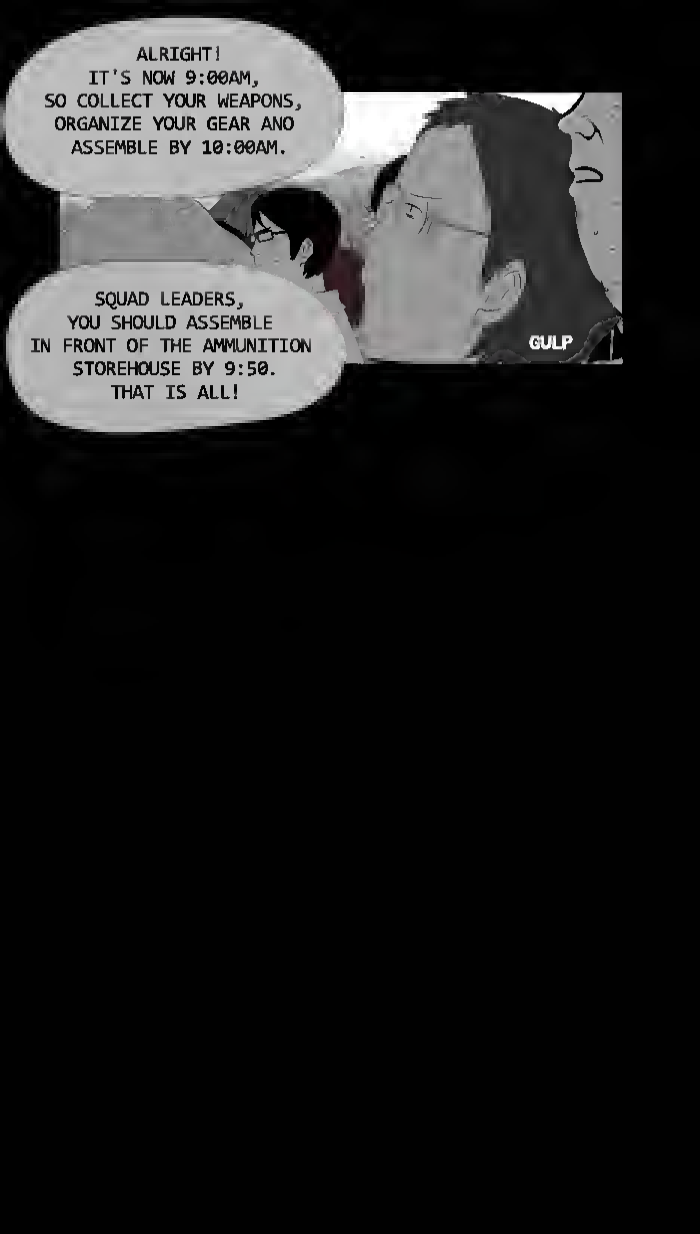

WHAT A RELIEF..
I WAS SO WORRIED...
...I THOUGHT...
N-NO...
YOU GUYS WERE ALL MISSING... IS ANYONE HURT?
A-ARE YOU HURT AT ALL?
.....
OUR TRUCK GOT HERE YESTERDAY WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS
WHEW
SERIOUSLY, I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU HERE.
...NARA...

STEP
... HUH?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO AT LEAST GO SAY HI?
NAH... IT'S OKAY...

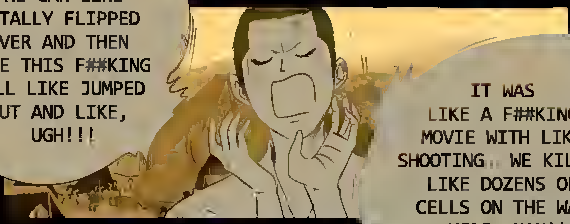



ALRIGHT!
IT'S NOW 9:00AM,
SO COLLECT YOUR WEAPONS,
ORGANIZE YOUR GEAR ANO
ASSEMBLE BY 10:00AM.
SQUAD LEADERS,
YOU SHOULD ASSEMBLE
IN FRONT OF THE AMMUNITION
STOREHOUSE BY 9:50.
THAT IS ALL!
GULP

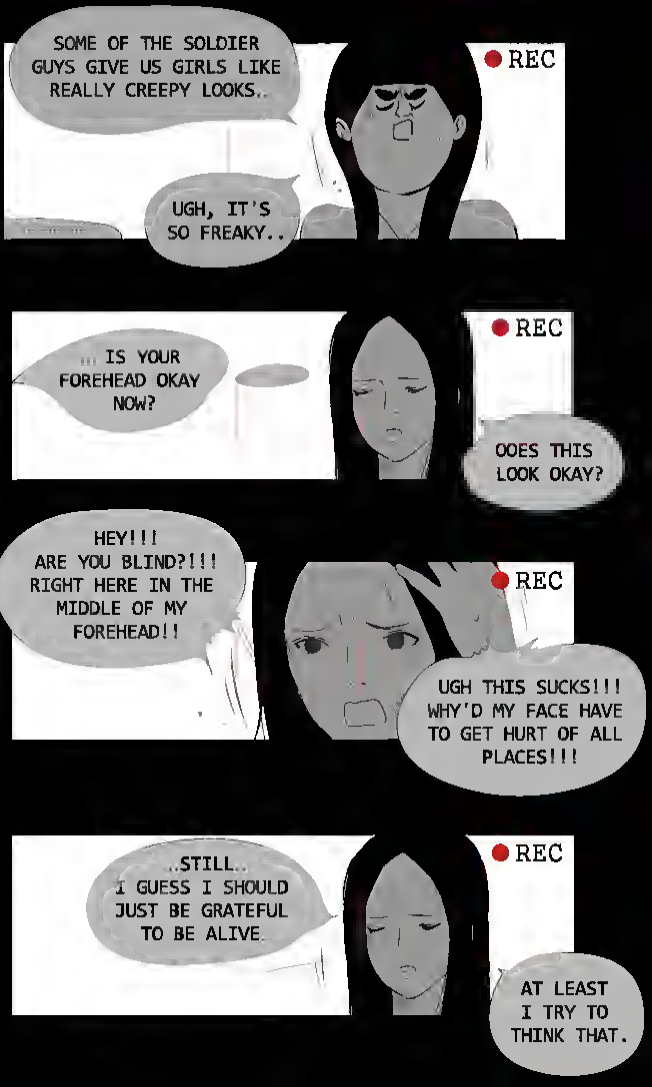
WOW YOU MADE IT..
JIN
..Y-YEAH
..UH HUH
AGH!!! WHAT THE HELL?!! WHY AM I CRYING ALL OF A SUDDEN!!?

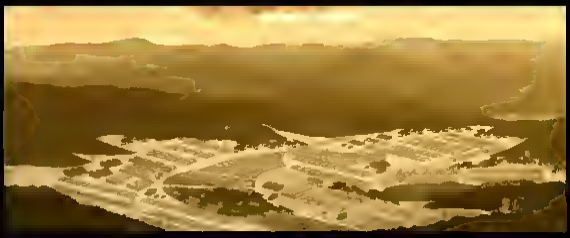
ALRIGHT.. ANYWAY, IT MUST'VE BEEN HARD CARRYING SOYU, HAHA.
SHE'S HEAVIER THAN SHE LOOKS.
.... YEAH
SMIRK
.. SHE WAS KINDA HEAVY..
HEY.. YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD..
PEEK
DID SOMEONE HAVE TO CARRY YOU TOO?
... NO
I WALKED.
DID YOU COME HERE JUST TO MAKE FUN OF ME?
JEEZ, I WAS JUST KIDDING.
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING STANDING AROUND AND TALKING?!!

KNEEL


S#!T, SERIOUSLY THE CAR LIKE TOTALLY FLIPPED OVER AND THEN LIKE THIS F##KING CELL LIKE JUMPED OUT AND LIKE, UGH!!!
IT WAS LIKE A F##KING MOVIE WITH LIKE SHOOTING... WE KILLED LIKE DOZENS OF CELLS ON THE WAY HERE, MAN!!

A CELL ATTACKED US AND THE TRUCK FLIPPED OVER...
I THINK THAT'S WHEN MY FOREHEAD GOT CUT ON THE EDGE OF MY GEAR..
...
YOUR FOREHEAD ..?
!!!
OH MY GOD!
WHAT IF YOU GET A SCAR ?!!!!
ON YOUR FACE!!!!!
HEY! SHUT UP!!! YOU'RE GONNA STRESS SOYU OUT EVEN MORE!!
YOU'LL BE FINE.
THERE'S A MEDICAL OFFICER HERE, SO YOU CAN JUST GO AND GET IT TREATED.
... OKAY


SOME OF THE SOLDIER GUYS GIVE US GIRLS LIKE REALLY CREEPY LOOKS..
REC
UGH, IT'S SO FREAKY..
... IS YOUR FOREHEAD OKAY NOW?
REC
DOES THIS LOOK OKAY?
HEY!!! ARE YOU BLIND?!!! RIGHT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF MY FOREHEAD!!
REC
UGH THIS SUCKS!!! WHY'D MY FACE HAVE TO GET HURT OF ALL PLACES!!!
..STILL.. I GUESS I SHOULD JUST BE GRATEFUL TO BE ALIVE.
REC
AT LEAST I TRY TO THINK THAT.



DUTY AFTER SCHOOL™

#26. DEFENDING MT. SEO-AK (1)

WE LEFT AT THE SAME TIME, BUT THEN THE RADIO DIDN'T WORK...
AND WHEN YOU GUYS DIDN'T SHOW UP UNTIL LAST NIGHT, I THOUGHT YOU HAD ALL DIED OR SOMETHING
EVEN NOW, THIS STILL DOESN'T FEEL REAL.
... SAME HERE
HEY!! SOYU!!
IS YOUR HEAD OKAY ?!!
WHAT'S WRONG ?!!! WHAT HAPPENED?!!! HUH?!!

I-I'M SO RELIEVED YOU MADE IT OKAY... I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GONNA COME.
AH
YEAH, HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN ALRIGHT?
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?
NOT TO YOU.
JANGSOO
I HEARD YOU PUT THAT BANDAGE ON SOYU'S HEAD
AND CARRIED HER.
OH YEAH
GET HER TO THE MEDICAL TENT RIGHT AWAY.
BEFORE THAT WOUND GETS ANY WORSE.

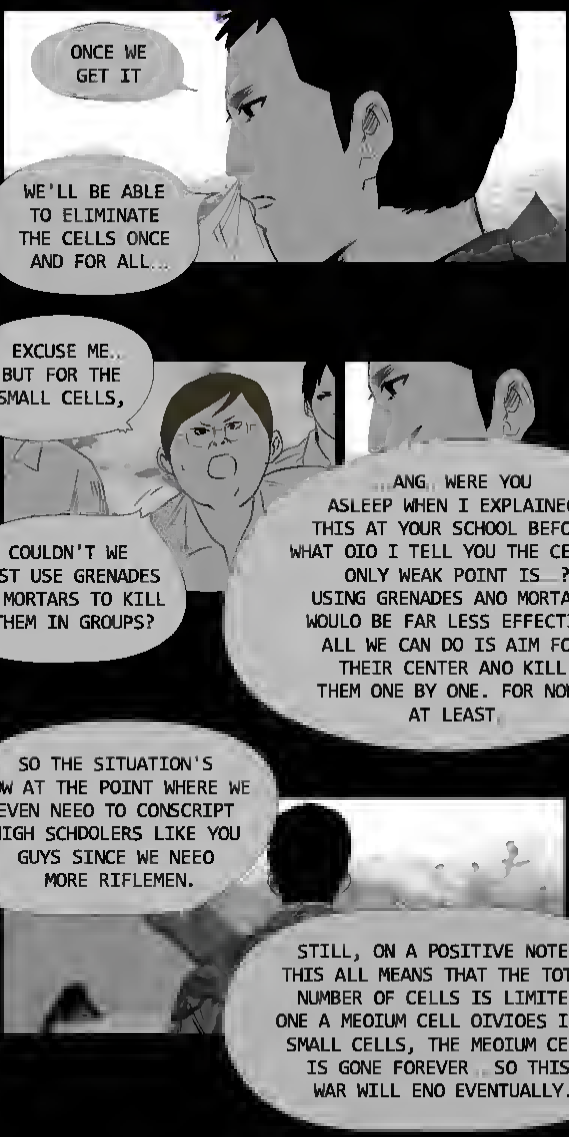
...HEY
THERE WERE ONLY TWO CELLS.
...HUH.. THAT SUCKS.
STOP EXAGGERATING...
IF I WERE THERE, I COULD'VE HELPED YOU GUYS OUT...
YOU'D HAVE PROBABLY PISSED YOURSELF.
SO ANYWAY, DID EVERYONE ELSE GET HERE OKAY?
...NO
HERA.. ISN'T HERE..
SINCE SHE WASN'T IN YOUR TRUCK EITHER, IT SEEMS LIKE SHE DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT OF THE SCHOOL...
...WHAT ABOUT...
...NARA...

REACH
YOU MUST BE THIRSTY...
WANT SOME... WATER?
... THANKS
GULP
I WAS...
SO WORRIED...
PFFF
!!!
A-ARE YOU OKAY?!!
WIPE
..... Y-YEAH

ARE YOU ALL DONE DIGGING THE DITCH?
STEP

!!
... HUH?!!
... YOU GUYS!!!

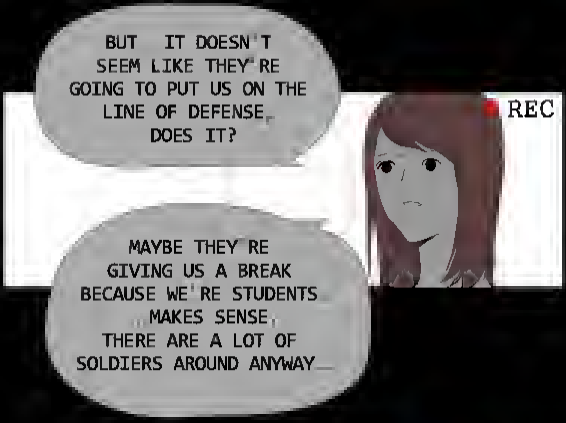
SIR !!!!
MR. KIM !!!!!
WAAAA I MISSED YOU!!!!
HEY!! HOW THE HELL DID YOU GUYS GET HERE?!!! IS ANYONE HURT ?!!!
GET OVER HERE SO I CAN SEE YOU ALL!!!

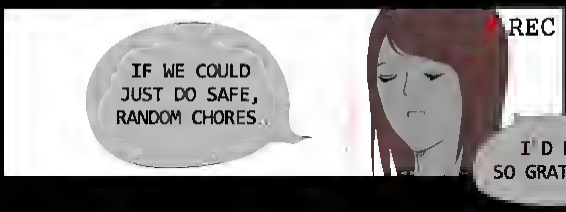

ONCE WE GET IT
WE'LL BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE THE CELLS ONCE AND FOR ALL...
EXCUSE ME.. BUT FOR THE SMALL CELLS,
COULDN'T WE JUST USE GRENADES OR MORTARS TO KILL THEM IN GROUPS?
...ANG, WERE YOU ASLEEP WHEN I EXPLAINED THIS AT YOUR SCHOOL BEFORE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU THE CELLS' ONLY WEAK POINT IS...? USING GRENADES AND MORTARS WOULD BE FAR LESS EFFECTIVE. ALL WE CAN DO IS AIM FOR THEIR CENTER AND KILL THEM ONE BY ONE. FOR NOW, AT LEAST,
SO THE SITUATION'S NOW AT THE POINT WHERE WE EVEN NEED TO CONSCRIPT HIGH SCHOOLERS LIKE YOU GUYS SINCE WE NEED MORE RIFLEMEN.
STILL, ON A POSITIVE NOTE, THIS ALL MEANS THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CELLS IS LIMITED. ONE A MEDIUM CELL DIVIDES INTO SMALL CELLS, THE MEDIUM CELL IS GONE FOREVER. SO THIS WAR WILL END EVENTUALLY.

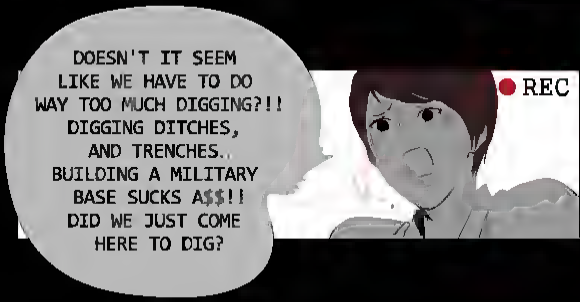
WAAAA EUGENE~
I HURT MY LEG AND... WAAAA THERE'S WAS A CELL WAAA
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE.
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY... YOU'RE SAFE NOW.. DON'T CRY.
HEY JUNNY
ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
NOT REALLY.. NO
JUST TIRED AS HELL.
WHAT A B!TCH..
HUH?? WHY???
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING LATER. WE'RE TOTALLY THROUGH WITH HER NOW.
WHEW
STOP IT, SOONY

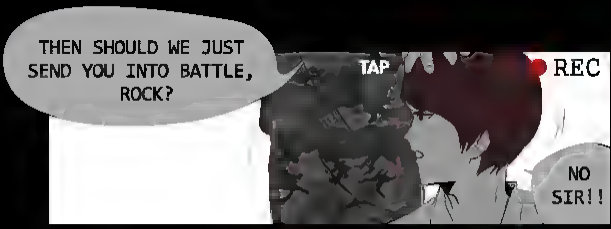
SO FAR, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A LINE OF DEFENSE BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE AND WE CAN DEAL WITH THE SMALL CELLS THAT APPEAR SPORADICALLY.
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE MEDIUM CELLS HAVE STARTED DIVIDING, BECAUSE STARTING THIS MORNING, THERE ARE WAY MORE SMALL CELLS AROUND SO WE GOT AN ORDER TO SEND THE RESERVE FIGHTERS TO THE LINE OF DEFENSE TOO.
.....OH S#!T.... WHAT THE HELL..
ARE WE SCREWED??
CRAP
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
REGARDING THE CELLS, IT'S NOW CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE VISUAL AND AUDITORY SENSES SIMILAR TO US HUMANS. THEY'RE ALSO INTELLIGENT, AND WE'VE MANAGED TO FIGURE OUT THE SMALL CELLS' MOVEMENT PATTERNS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.
AND THE UN HAS DEVELOPED AND IS NOW MASS PRODUCING A NEW WEAPON THAT USES POWERFUL HEAT TO FORCE MEDIUM CELLS TO DIVIDE BY SHOOTING DIRECTLY AT THEM. IT'S ALREADY BEING USED IN A FEW FRONT LINE SQUADRONS, AND WE'LL BE GETTING IT SOON TOO.

WHEN WE FINALLY MADE IT HERE, I WAS LIKE
"HOLY S#!T, WE'RE FINALLY HOME!!!"
REC
...BUT THEN I REMEMBERED THIS IS THE ARMY... AND THE FRONT LINE..
REC
THERE MUST BE TONS OF CELLS GATHERED BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN HERE...
EVERY DAY, I HEAR GUNSHOT REALLY CLOSE BY.
REC
LIKE A THUDDING SOUND..


BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO PUT US ON THE LINE OF DEFENSE. DOES IT?
REC
MAYBE THEY'RE GIVING US A BREAK BECAUSE WE'RE STUDENTS... MAKES SENSE. THERE ARE A LOT OF SOLDIERS AROUND ANYWAY...


IF WE COULD JUST DO SAFE, RANDOM CHORES..
REC
I'D BE SO GRATEFUL.


DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE WE HAVE TO DO WAY TOO MUCH DIGGING?!! DIGGING DITCHES, AND TRENCHES.. BUILDING A MILITARY BASE SUCKS A$$!! DID WE JUST COME HERE TO DIG?
REC


THEN SHOULD WE JUST SEND YOU INTO BATTLE, ROCK?
TAP
REC
NO SIR!!

UGH!!!!!
BUT THIS
STILL SUCKS
!!!!!!!!!
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO!!!?
REC
HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO
LIVE LIKE
THIS!!?
WE'VE INCLUOEO
YOU GUYS IN THE
XX CORPS OF THE THIRO
BATTALION HERE,
SO NOW THERE ARE 21
PLATOONS OF STUOENT
RESERVE SOLOIERS.
AS I MENTIONEO
BEFORE, MT. SEO-AK
IS A VERY STRATEGICALLY
IMPORTANT PLACE, SO OUR
CORPS' MISSION IS TO
COMPLETELY OESTROY ALL
OF THE CELLS AROUNO
HERE ANO RECAPTURE
THE AREA.

S-SEEING HER SMILING FROM RELIEF...
THUMP
SHE MUST'VE REALLY WORRIED A LOT... WELL, SHE PROBABLY WASN'T JUST WORRIED ABOUT ME... BUT STILL...
TURN
TAP
LOOKS LIKE
YOUNG'S HERE NOW.
TURN
AH ....
HE MADE IT OKAY...

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